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Docket No.: P01506US2 (PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:  
Rodney H. Masters, et al.

Application No.: 09/481,153

Filed: January 12, 2000

For: SYSTEM FOR SECURING COMPOSITE GRATINGS  
TO STRUCTURAL MEMBERS



Group Art Unit: 3635

Examiner: C. Kent

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following items for filing in connection with the above-referenced Patent Application:

1. Amendment under 37 CFR 1.111;
2. Fee Transmittal for FY 2001; and
3. Return postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. 984782. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: Jan 3, 2001

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# **FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2001**

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## **Complete if Known**

Application Number 09/481,153  
Filing Date January 12, 2000  
First Named Inventor Rodney H. Masters  
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## **METHOD OF PAYMENT**

1. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to:  
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☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

2. ☐ Payment Enclosed  
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## **FEE CALCULATION**

### **1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
101	710	201	355	Utility filing fee	
106	320	206	160	Design filing fee	
107	490	207	245	Plant filing fee	
108	710	208	355	Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

### **2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

Total Claims		Extra Claims		Fee from below		Fee Paid	
Independent Claims							
Multiple Dependent							

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Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	80	209	40	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)

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## **FEE CALCULATION (continued)**

### **3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	55
116	390	216	195	Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217	445	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218	695	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37CFR 1.129(b))	
179	710	279	355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

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## **Fee Transmittal**

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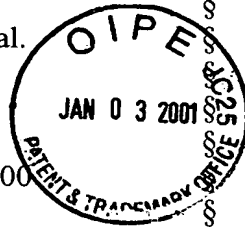
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R 1.111

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 7, 2000 for the above-referenced patent application. Applicant requests that the following be entered into the file of the above-referenced application.

Enclosed with this Amendment is the small entity fee of \$55.00 for a one month extension of time, to January 7, 2001 in which to file a response to the Office Action. A duplicate sheet for accounting purposes is included.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-6 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims:

7. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for securing a grating sheet to structural members, the grating sheet including an upper and lower surface, the apparatus comprising:

a top plate for mounting on the upper surface of the grating sheet, the top plate having a hole therein and upper and lower surfaces;